

This record is a partial extract of the original cable. The full text of the original cable is not available.

070501Z Jul 05

C O N F I D E N T I A L WELLINGTON 000527

SIPDIS

FOR NP AND EAP/ANP

E.O. 12958: DECL: 07/07/2015

TAGS: [PARM](#) [PREL](#) [PGOV](#) [MNUC](#) [EFIN](#) [ETTC](#)

SUBJECT: WMD PROLIFERATORS' E.O.

REF: SECSTATE 120771

Classified By: POLITICAL ECONOMIC COUNSELOR KATHERINE HADDA,
FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) and (D)

[1](#)1. (C) Pol/Econ Couns shared reftel information with Deborah Panckhurst, Deputy Director of the Disarmament Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, stressing our desire that New Zealand adopt a similar policy. Panckhurst promised to review the E.O. closely and said that she would take our request on board.

[1](#)2. (C) Panckhurst noted, however, that as New Zealand approaches general elections (expected to be called for mid-September) government bureaucrats are resisting putting forward any new initiatives for Ministers' consideration. This is standard practice in New Zealand, and is designed to prevent a Government close to the end of its term from putting forward new legislation or policies that an incoming Government might not favor.
Swindells